the House of Commons for the pardon The fourth and last showed the Speaker's own petition that if any faults had been committed in the House they might not now be revived , and if either he himself had spoken too much or not so much as An duty he ought to have done, he besought her Majest/s pardon

This speech being ended, the Queen called Sir Thomas Egerton, the Lord Keeper, to whom, kneeling down before her, she spake m private, after which he went unto a place hke a desk, made even with the cloth of estate on the right side, and there made answer to the Speaker's speech

* Our most dread Sovereign, her Excellent Majesty, hath given me in charge to say unto you and the rest of her loving subjects that she doth thankfully accept of their free gift erf subsidy, which she would not have required had not the puissance of the enemy required her thereunto Secondly, touching the monopolies, her Majesty hopeth that her dutiful and loving subjects would not take away her prerogative, which, is the chiefest flower in her garden, and the principal and head pearl in her crown and diadem , but they will rather leave that to her disposition And as her Majesty hath proceeded to trial of them already, so she promiseth to continue that they shall all be examined to abide the trial and touchstone of the Law. Thirdlv, touching her pardon, her Majesty's pleasure is that I show unto you that you do not so willingly accept it as she giveth it Fourthly, for your pardon, Mr Speaker, her Majesty saith that you have so learnedly and so eloquently defended yourself now, and painfully behaved yourself hitherto, as that your labour deserveth double her thanks But in your

petition I must also join with yon in beseeching her most Excellent Majesty that if anything through want of experience or through mine own imperfections and ignorance have overskpped me it may be pardoned *

These speeches being ended, the titles of all the Acts were read by Mr Smith, the Clerk of the Upper House, of which her Majesty gave her royal assent to twenty-four public Acts or Statutes and nineteen private, but did refuse or quash forty-eight several Bills that have passed both Houses. Which done the Lord Keeper dissolved the Parliament in these words,